

36.11.404 BIODIVERSITY - COARSE FILTER APPROACH

(1) The department shall promote biodiversity by taking a coarse filter approach thereby favoring an appropriate mix of stand structures and compositions on state lands. The department shall base appropriate stand structures and compositions on ecological characteristics such as:

- (a) land type;
- (b) climatic section;
- (c) habitat type;
- (d) disturbance regime; and
- (e) unique characteristics.

(2) For coarse filter applications, the department shall describe forests and stands using these characteristics:

- (a) forest composition;
- (b) age class distributions;
- (c) cover type; and
- (d) stand structure. (History: 77-1-202, 77-1-209, 77-5-201, 77-5-204, MCA; IMP, 77-5-116, 77-5-204, 77-5-206, 77-5-207, MCA; NEW, 2003 MAR p. 397, Eff. 3/14/03.)